श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : यह चार सरकारें कोई कांग्रेस वर्किंग कमेटी नहीं हैं, जब जी चाहे जिसको निकाल दें।

डा० अबरार अहमद : महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से कहना चाहूंगा कि ऐसे मुख्य मंत्री को रखना इस देश के लिये घातक है, खतरनाक है... (व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, यह देश के खिलाफ साजिश चल रही है ... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : बैठिये।

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : महोदया, यह देश की और सदन की अवमानना है, यह राष्ट्रीय संविधान का अपमान है। ऐसी पार्टी की सरकार को बर्खास्त कर देना चाहिये।... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : बैठिये सत्या बहिन। The Chairman has permitted him.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : महोदया, इन सरकारों को तुरन्त बर्खास्त कर देना चाहिये।... (व्यवधान)

RE. BOFORS INVESTIGATION

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am grateful for the opportunity given to me to raise an important matter regarding the rights and the status of our House. I am very glad that the Leader of the House and Home Minister is here. Madam, over the week-end the whole nation has been informed that the hon. Prime Minister is going to give a detailed answer to a sixteen-point questionnaire regarding the Bofors issue. So far so good. But I submit, Madam Deputy Chairman, that this matter is not a personal question between the Prime Minister on the one hand and another individual—it does not matter how eminent he is—on the other. This is a matter which concerns the nation, and above all, it concerns this Chamber. So I want to demand from the Home Minister an assurance that whatever the Prime Minister is going to state on this question, whether it is an answer to the sixteen-point questionnaire or any other new information that has come to light... (*Interruptions*)...

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): वी०पी० सिंह की सरकार ने क्या किया (व्यवधान) आपका सुपर पावर के साथ, आप लोग देश को अस्थिर करने का प्लान बना रहे हैं।... (व्यवधान)

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल (उत्तर प्रदेश): पंडित जी, बैठ जाइये। (व्यवधान)

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : हमारे नेता राजीव गांधी का चरित्र हनन उनके मरने के बाद भी कर रहे हैं। आपको संतोष नहीं है। उनका चरित्र हनने करने के लिये आप जैसे प्रतिष्ठित खानदान को... (व्यवधान)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): I do not know how that concerns this House. ... (*Interruptions*)...

डा० बापू कालवाते (महाराष्ट्र) : राजीव गांधी का बोफोर्स से क्या संबंध है?

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : जिन्दा पर भी चरित्र हनन किया गया और मरने के बाद भी उनके चरित्र हनन की साजिश है।... (व्यवधान)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Why is the name of Rajiv Gandhi dragged into it? Madam, I strongly object to it. Why is the name of late Rajiv Gandhi dragged into this matter? Nobody has mentioned his name. We are not taking the name of late Rajiv Gandhi... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Madam Deputy Chairman, I am not referring to any proceedings anywhere. I

am merely making a demand on behalf of the whole House that the Prime Minister must inform the House of all the latest information that he has on the subject. That is point number one. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): I am no a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Secondly, Madam Deputy Chairman, (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order? She has got a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...I will allow you.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, Mr. Gandhi is referring to some newspaper reports on the proceedings of the Lok Sabha—what happened between the Prime Minister and Mr. George Fernandes. I don't want the Home Minister to reply to the Lok Sabha proceedings. (*Interruptions*) ... If you want you can ask your own question. How can you say what he had asked in the Lok Sabha....(*Interruptions*)....

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): We did not refer to what happened in the other House. There is a need for this House to discuss the latest stage of the Bofors investigation. (*Interruptions*) ... The Prime Minister needs to give an explanation in this House and this House needs to discuss this issue. (*Interruptions*)... I would like the Home Minister the Leader of the House, to respond and I would like that some time is set apart for this. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan referred to a point of order and she said that Mr. Gandhi... (*Interruptions*)... That is what she said. Her point of order was that Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi said that the Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha said it. Now, I would suggest and remind the House that he can rephrase his statement because we do not refer to what happened in the other House and we don't want them to refer to what happened in our House. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: I did not refer to the Lok Sabha at all. (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): The Prime Minister has made a statement in the House during the last session. Thereafter certain developments took place. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: I did not refer to the Lok Sabha proceedings at all. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): This question was raised in the Lok Sabha by Mr. George Fernandes.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: There is another matter widely reported in the press. An hon. Member of this House, the former Foreign Minister, Shri Madhavsinh Solanki, is reported to have said in Ahmedabad that if he were to disclose the whole truth there would be an explosion. I would like to find out from the Home Minister...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Let the explosion take place. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: No, please allow me. I would like the Home Minister to tell us whether the Government also believes that if the truth were to come out there would be an explosion or whether he agrees with this side that if the truth does not come out there will be an explosion. Madam Deputy Chairman, I demand that the Government must come out with a statement about Mr. Solanki's reported remark about the explosive effects of the facts about Bofors coming out.

[Shri Raj Mohan Gandhi]

One last point, Madam Deputy Chairman. Will the Government inform us whether it regards every new lead, every new clue, every new piece of evidence about Bofors as an embarrassment or an anxiety or whether it regards this as something to be grateful for and which needs to be pursued with zest?

Madam Deputy Chairman, if this Government wishes to face the facts about Bofors, to ferret out the truth about Bofors, it will help the country to take a new course. But if it feels that it should built a smoke-screen around Bofors then it will continue to keep the nation in a spiral of cynicism. (*Interruptions*)... Madam, I demand a clear assurance from the Government in this regard.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I just want to remind the hon. Member that before the House went to recess we had a whole-day discussion on the Bofors issue. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANBHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, it is a new development. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have identified Mr. N. K. P. Salve. (*Interruptions*)... I have identified Mr. N. K. P. Salve. He has raised his hand. Let us go in an orderly manner so that everybody can be heard. He is a senior Member of this House. If he wants to say something I would allow him. Let one Member finish. Let him finish.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, at the outset, I would wish to make one this clear in response to what hon. Raj Mohan Gandhi said. Madam, at the outset, it must be made clear that should the Chair permit any discussion we are there to participate in it, not once but a hundred times. We don't want anything about the Bofors to be put under the carpet. Make no mistake about it. We do not-repeat 'not' —want that. We have discussed this matter *ad infinitum ad nauseam* in this House. For the last 3 to 4 years, I don't know how many hours we have spent and nothing has come out of it. (*Interruptions*). That is my view in the matter. I am not expostulating your views. I am expostulating my views. Madam, all I want to submit is, if we have to have more discussion, as I said, we are ready. But the question is, how long shall we go on with this kind of a thing? (*Interruptions*). We very strongly protest against one thing and that is the violation of the rules. We discussed this matter in this session itself and we want more and more discussion. We are not scared of it. The question is, I am on the question of total futility of the discussion, utter wastefulness of time of the House. Madam, unfortunately he has referred to a letter written by a Member of the other House to the Prime Minister to which certain reply was given. (*Interruptions*). No, he has not referred to the other House. I know he is careful. He is articulate not to refer to the proceedings of the other House. So far as that matter is concerned, they may raise discussion in the manner Mr. Reddy suggested in accordance with the procedure, in accordance with the rules, if it commends itself to the Chairman. But one thing has to be made clear with reference to what transpired between a Member of that House and the Prime Minister. Mrs. Natarajan has rightly pointed out that that is the matter which unfortunately should not have been referred to in this House at all. Finally, I want to submit, before the Leader of the House reacts, ultimately where are we going to land ourselves? (*Interruptions*). We discussed this matter we discussed the letter of Mr. Solanki, we discussed his handing over the letter, whether it was at the behest of the Government... (*Interruptions*). Then something else will come. I think, the opposition must not create an impression that they run completely out of issues which are of greater importance in this country than to fall back only on Bofors

and Bofors every time. Madam, I submit that it is nothing but a sheer waste of time to concede to what Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi said. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing any discussion on Bofors. (*Interruptions*). Many people may raise their hands. (*Interruptions*). He was permitted by the Chairman. I will allow only Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. (*Interruptions*). You are a very senior Member. There should be some procedure. The Chairman permitted two people to speak on this matter. I am permitting Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Deputy Leader of the House has said that they don't fight shy of allowing any discussion on Bofors... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That matter should be raised in the Business Advisory Committee. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi has also demanded... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not permitted you. I have not permitted. Even on reaction to what Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi said, I am not permitting you. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please speak. (*Interruptions*). I am not permitting fied an hon. Member. You might be an record. I have permitted someone. You can't take the right of another Member whom I have identfiied, just because you are speaking loudly. have identified an hon. Member. You might be an hon. Member of this House, he is equally honourable. Let him finish. You can't just be loud and not allow him to speak. I have allowed him. Let him speak. (*Interruptions*). Let him speak first. I am not giving any commitment.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I agree with Mr. Salve that we had been discussing Bofors in a number of occasions spread over a number of years. I also agree that this must end. The point is, it is not Bofors, it is not kickback or it is not anything else but the point is that the cloud must be cleared—... (*Interruptions*) Madam, what is this?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You be brief... (*Interruptions*)...

Let him make his point and please don't disturb so that I can allow some other matters also. There are some very important matters before me, not only the listed business but I have 13 special mentions listed. I have to run this House in an orderly manner. Please let him finish so that I can go to other business.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My point is that the credibility of the Government and the credibility of the country are not two separate things. We may be in the opposition You may be in the Treasury benches. You are after all an elected Government and the Prime Minister is after all an elected Prime Minister of tht country. Therefore, the credibility of the Government and the credibility of the country are not two separate things. Unfortunately, we have been placed in such a situation when constant disclosure in the Press has given rise to a serious doubt in the minds of the people that the persons occupying the highest office have not been telling the full truth. If it is so, I do not know...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Would you be a little brief?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: If it is so, if the report of the Press is true that the people in the highest office are not giving the full truth, then it is not that our privilege is impinged upon. That is not the point. The point is that we are being identified with a code of conduct which is not accepted in the civilised world. Therefore, my demand to the Government is that either you prosecute Mr. Irani or the other people who have been writing that the Prime Minister has not been speaking the truth. You take action against them or you tell the country the truth. These two cannot go side by side. The Prime Minister cannot be allowed to be accused by the Press one after another

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that he is not giving the full story. At the same time, we cannot be allowed to take up the issue often in the House. These two are contradictory. We want the whole process to end. Therefore, if you are on the right side, if everything has been safe, if all the reports that appeared in the Press are baseless, take action against them, approach the Press Council to take action against the persons who wirte such things thereby lower the prestige of the nation before the world, or you give us the truth. These two cannot go side by side. The Minister had to resign because of the Press disclosure and we know, in the whole world there are instances when very important people in the office, whether in the United States or in Japan, had to resign. Therefore, take action or tell the country that you are wrong and the Press report is true. We want the full truth to come out.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gupta, you have made your point.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I only want to make a humble suggestion...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When I am convinced, you are not.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Let the cloud be cleared. Let the credibility of the Government be above all suspicions. You cannot rule the country if you are suspect.

SHRI DAVID LEDGER (Assam): Madam, you have given me an assurance that you will allow me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister wants to say something.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): On this issue, we had considerable discussion in both the Houses, in the Lok Sabha as well as in the Rajya Sabha. As my friend, Mr. N. K. P. Salve has said, we are throwing to the winds all the rules of the House and we like to discuss everything which comes in the papers. Something or the other comes in the papers and we immediately jump at it. I think that no Press. ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: One Minister resigned because of the Press report.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have certain dignity of the House. The Home Minister is the Leader of the House. He is making his point. I am watching, since morning, he never disturbed anybody. And even if he disturbs, I will take notice. You should have a certain dignity. Allow him to make his point. You just get up and interrupt Members. It is bad enough. You interrupt the Leader; you interrupt the Chair; you interrupt everybody. Let him say what him say what he wants to say. You want all the time that the Home Minister should react and when he reacts you do not want him to react.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I do not think that we can allow any gentleman in the Press to arrogate to himself the powers which, in fact, this House is enjoying. The Prime Minister made a statement on the floor of the House. You are prepared to believe what is coming in the Press and not to believe what is stated on the floor of the House. He himself has made here the statement that... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I want you to take action against the Press.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Whether to take action or not is a matter which is totally different. I do not think that I can say anything on that now. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, will you have a little patience, please?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: But, when the Prime Minister has clearly stated on the floor of the House that the note which was given by our ex-External Affairs Minister should be totally ignored and the case may be proceeded with, the Government of India would like to see that the case is proceeded with. That is what the Prime Minister has said. I do not think

anything more is required than what the Prime Minister has stated here. I do not think anything more is required than what the Prime Minister has stated here. I do not think that there is any kind of discussion... (*Interruptions*). But since we are meeting at 4 o'clock in the Business Advisory Committee, certainly we would like to consult the Chairman also in this matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What I feel is... (*Interruptions*). I have a suggestion, please. As the Home Minister and Leader of the House has suggested, the procedure will be decided in the BAC. Whether the Business Advisory Committee take it up or not, it cannot be decided in this House. That matter is closed now. Pandeyji.

RE. BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN DELHI

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, पिछले तीन दिनों के भीतर दिल्ली में तीन बम विस्फोटो की घटनाएं हुई हैं । इसकी शुरूआत 29 जनवरी को हुई जब कि तिमारपुर क्षेत्र में एक डी० टी० सी० के बस में शक्तिशाली बम फटने से 4 लोग मारे गए और 27 लोग घायल हुए । 23 तारीख को पहाड़गंज के लूमा होटल में 14 व्यक्ति घायल हुए जिनमें कुछ विदेशी भी थें । तीसरा विस्फोट 25 अप्रैल की रात को लाल किले के पास एक डी० टी० सी० बस में हुआ जिसमें 8 व्यक्ति घायल हुए और कल उर्दू बाजार में एक बच्चा क्रिकेट खेलता हुआ मारा गया और पांच व्यक्ति घायल हुए । आए दिन बम विस्फोट की घटनाएं दिल्ली में आम हो गई है और सामान्य नागरिकों को जीवन त्रस्त हो गया है । इन विस्फोटो में खाड़कुओं का हाथ है और यह कहा जाता है कि वे ट्रीगर बमों का प्रयोग करते हैं जब कि अन्य आतंकवादी फ्यूज बमों का प्रयोग करते हैं । कल और परसों जामा मस्जिद और लाल किले के पास बस में जो दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं उसमें रशियन बम का लेबल मिला है उसमें खुदा हुआ मिला है । इस तरह से दिल्ली के नागरिकों का जीवन अस्तव्यस्त हो गया है । खाड़कू संगठन, आतंकवादी संगठन तथा विदेशी ताकतें इस देश की राजधानी में आतंक मचा कर अपने लक्ष्य को पूरा करना चाहते हैं । इसलिए मैं माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से आग्रह करूंगा कि इस संदर्भ में पुलिस को और सतर्कता विभाग को और भी चुस्त और दुरुस्त करने की जरूरत है और अगर संभव हो तो केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस के जिम्मे दिल्ली को सौंप देना चाहिए । मैं प्रार्थना करूंगा कि गृहमंत्री जी इस संबंध में स्टेटमेंट सदन में दें ताकि बम विस्फोट की घटनाएं जो आए दिन और प्रति दिन लगातार हो रही है वें बंद हो जाएं और दिल्ली के नागरिकों का जीवन त्रस्त न हो और आतंकवादियों के छाया तले दिल्ली में जो देश की राजधानी में है वहां पर इस प्रकार की घटनाएं न हों । इस लिए मैं आप के माध्यम से माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से प्रार्थना करूंगा कि यह बड़ी चिन्ता की बात है । शुरू से ही दिल्ली में बराबर आतंकवादी एक्टिविटिज चलती आ रही हैं । सरकार की तरफ से सारी व्यवस्थाएं की जाती हैं वह हिन्दू, मुसलमान सब का सदभाव मिटाकर निरीह बच्चों और विदेशी नागरिकों तक को काल के गाल में डाल रहे हैं । आज राजधानी में बम विस्फोट से जन-जीवन त्रस्त है । हो सकता है कि संसद में भी एक दिन बम फट जाए । इसलिए मैं प्रार्थना करता हूं कि जैसे भी हो गृहमंत्री जी इस पर सारी सूचनाएं लेकर कि वें इस संबंध में क्या उपाय कर रहें हैं, यह सदन को बताएं और एक स्टेटमेंट देकर इस संदर्भ में सारी जिज्ञासाओं को शांत करें । धन्यवाद ।

THE VICE-PRESIDENT (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Home Minister, would you like to respond?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): I have taken note of what he has said.